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Mr. Robert Walter
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Dear Mr. Walter:

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your May 8, 2009 request regarding the targeted asbestos abatement you proposed at the former General Industries site, 154 Olive Street in Elyria (Lorain Co.). Your request arose from discussions that occurred among representatives of Ohio EPA, U.S. EPA and the property owner, Mr. John Peshek, that occurred on May 8 at the site. You are permitted to proceed with further planning and conducting the limited asbestos removal activities that you have outlined in your letter.

As you are aware, U.S. EPA has prepared a scope of work for a proposed time-critical removal action which includes removal of visible asbestos from the overhead pipe referenced in your letter, along with site-wide gross asbestos assessment and removal. Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) have evaluated your May 8 request.

We wish to emphasize that both federal and state agencies involved with this project remain concerned about the potential for airborne releases of asbestos to the environment and surrounding community. Any proposed abatement and removal activities you conduct must be designed to ensure that all required notification and work practice requirements are followed. You are also required to ensure that adequate wetting of the asbestos-containing material (ACM) and other affected material, along with the nearby work area, is performed.

Ohio EPA inspectors will be performing surveillance and inspections of work activities and required documentation to ensure that all applicable state and federal regulations are followed.

If you have any additional questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (330) 963-1230, or at: Bob.princip@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,

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